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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.
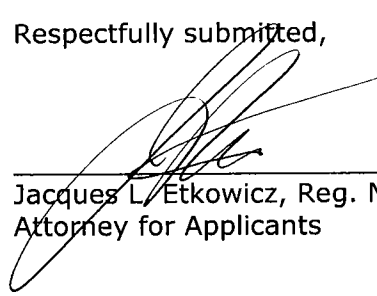
The following Japanese reference is not in the English language, but an English translation thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

1) JP 2003-065236

This reference was cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Furthermore, this reference was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 21, 2006 but with a copy of the English translation of the Abstract only. A copy of the Japanese language Office Action is enclosed. MPEP Section 609.04(a)III, second paragraph.

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            (1) Reference
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